

# Appendix G

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## Public Comment Process



The Environmental Management (EM) program encourages stakeholders, regulators, and Tribal Nations to participate actively in the ongoing development of *Paths to Closure*. EM is committed to ensuring that the viewpoints of stakeholders, regulators, and Tribal Nations are fully and accurately represented. In support of this objective, DOE Operations/Field Offices have been providing opportunities for public involvement in the development of the EM cleanup strategy, including the development of project baseline summaries (PBSs), integrated priority lists (IPLs), and site strategies.

A 60-day public comment period will immediately follow the release of *Paths to Closure*, ending on May 1, 1998. Throughout the comment period, Headquarters and site personnel will hold public meetings, interactive workshops, and/or briefings to help stakeholders, regulators, and Tribal Nations examine the draft strategies and to elicit comments from the public. The public comment process is designed to give stakeholders, regulators, and Tribal Nations the opportunity to participate in the development of the EM cleanup strategy and the means to affect EM's long-term priorities and objectives.

Comments focusing on issues related to *Paths to Closure* or comments concerning cross-site or policy issues should be submitted directly to EM Headquarters at the following address:

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Comments on site-specific versions of *Paths to Closure* should be provided directly to the appropriate site points of contact identified below. Similarly, requests for additional copies and/or further information should also be directed to the appropriate site point of contact. If uncertain about the appropriate site point of contact, please provide comments to Mr. Gene Schmitt at DOE Headquarters using the address provided above. Requests for additional copies of *Paths to Closure* should be directed to the Center for Environmental Management Information (CEMI) at 1-800-736-3282.

EM will make available on the World Wide Web (<http://www.em.doe.gov>) *Paths to Closure* and eleven site versions of *Paths to Closure*, as well as the supporting data (for example, Project Baseline Summaries and waste and material disposition

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